

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

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Claims 1- 26 (cancelled).

27. (new) A black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food, which comprises 5 to 25 % by weight, of black currant anthocyanin on the basis of solid matters.

28. (new) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 27, wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin in an amount of 2.5 to 12.5 % by weight on the basis of solid matters.

29. (new) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 27, wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside in an amount of 2 to 10 % by weight on the basis of solid matters.

30. (new) A process for producing black currant anthocyanin-containing compositions for food; wherein black currant juice, as a starting material, is purified and concentrated with a charged reverse osmosis membrane.

31. (new) The process for producing black currant anthocyanin-containing compositions for food according to claim 30, wherein the charged reverse osmosis membrane is a negatively charged reverse osmosis membrane.

32. (new) The process for producing a black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 31, wherein the negatively charged reverse osmosis membrane has a salt retention rate of 5 to 20% in the case of NaCl.

33. (new) A process for producing a black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 30, wherein an ion-exchange resin is also used to purify the black currant juice.

34. (new) The process for producing black currant anthocyanin-containing compositions for food according to claim 33, wherein the ion-exchange resin is a strong acid cation-exchange resin.

35. (new) A medicinal food or drink which comprises the composition for food according to claim 27.

36. (new) The medicinal food or drink according to claim 35; wherein the food or drink is candy, chewing gum, juice, chocolate, tablet, gelatinous food, or jam.

37. (new) The composition for food according to claim 27, which has at least one effect for improving visual function selected from effects (1) to (8) as follows:

- (1) an effect of alleviating asthenopia;
- (2) an effect of recovering lowered visual acuity;
- (3) an effect of alleviating myopia;
- (4) an effect of recovering lowered refraction power of crystalline lens;
- (5) an effect of improving visual acuity in the darkness;
- (6) an effect of improving adaptation to darkness;
- (7) an effect of improving retinal function; and
- (8) an effect of improving retinal rod.

38. (new) The medicinal food or drink according to claim 35, which has at least one effect for improving visual function selected from effects (1) to (8) as follows:

- (1) an effect of alleviating asthenopia;
- (2) an effect of recovering lowered visual acuity;
- (3) an effect of alleviating myopia;
- (4) an effect of recovering lowered refraction power of crystalline lens;
- (5) an effect of improving visual acuity in the darkness;
- (6) an effect of improving adaptation to darkness;
- (7) an effect of improving retinal function; and
- (8) an effect of improving retinal rod.

39. (new) The composition for food according to claim 27, which has an effect for improving the blood fluidity and/or an effect for lowering blood pressure.

40. (new) The medicinal food or drink according to claim 35, which has an effect for improving the blood fluidity and/or an effect for lowering blood pressure.

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